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OUR HONOR AWARDS

Undergraduates are beginning to take interest in the agitation for the establishment of honors courses in American colleges.

Most colleges now, at the end of the school year, award honors for academic attainment. These awards, which include election to honorary scholastic societies, are, almost without exception, made on the basis of the average grades of the student for his four years in college.

The weakness of this system is that it often tends to retard intellectual initiative and to reward intellectual docility. The student who has a keen interest in one field of study is often not eligible for these honors, no matter how thoroughly he may have mastered his own subject, for the reason that he has hurried through and neglected studies in which he was not especially interested.

The honors course which permits the students to pursue on his own initiative, in the last two years of his course, studies in his special field, eliminates this weakness. It judges the student on the basis of the work he does in the subject which is his paramount intellectual interest.

VACCINATION

The increase in the number of students ill with smallpox has been sufficient to make it necessary that every one who is not immune from the disease be vaccinated at once. The present situation is far from being alarming. The prompt action of the University authorities in announcing the presence of the disease and in urging students to be vaccinated has done much to lessen the chances of a widespread epidemic.

The results of the recent questionnaire submitted to find out how many students were partially or wholly self-supporting make some remarkable revelations in other fields than that of statistics. An inability on the part of many students to follow simple, lucid directions is one of these disclosures.

Student Opinion

The Daily Nebraskan assumes no responsibility for the sentiments expressed by correspondents, and reserves the right to exclude any communication whose publication may for any reason seem undesirable.

AN ANNOUNCEMENT

An exceedingly interesting letter has been received in this office in regard to an editorial on coeducation which appeared in the Daily Nebraskan last week.

The College Press

FROTH ON THE WATERS OF LEARNING.

The deep waters of the spring flood sweeping down the river to the ocean bear with them in the swift moving current trunks of uprooted trees, bridges and great vessels. Yet despite the seemingly irresistible power of the flood, small sticks and refuse cast upon its surface dance up and down with the waves for a short while, then thrown aside become lodged in some little inlet or sink to the bottom of some whirling eddy and are seen no more.

In every college there is a class of students which bears a strong resemblance to the froth on the surface of the water. It seems to be cast upon the university as refuse which cannot be tolerated by the outside world. It makes a splash as it is thrown in, it dances in the sunlight for a time, and enjoys a period of longed for publicity, only to be discarded by a revolted public or calmly sidetracked into a stagnant inlet, where it lies water-logged, a monumental example of the folly of superficiality.

These students call themselves the intellectual elite of the university. Posing as infallible, critical, authorities on art, music and literature they tear to pieces the productions of past and present, and viewing the ruins at their feet, swell with pride at the fruits of their handiwork. The art of criticism, they have never learned, is appreciation and not destruction. Superior to the ordinary run of students they stand aloof from the world and scoff at the feeble efforts of misguided fools.

Transparent though they be, and doomed inevitably to be tossed aside by an impatient world, they are a drawback to every university. Continually thrusting themselves before the public eye and posing as the intellectual elite, they are stumbling blocks in the path of true progress. In all universities there are students who are sincere in their search for the ultimate realities of life, the good, the true, and the beautiful, who realize that a true understanding of art, literature and philosophy can be obtained only through honest effort.

The appreciation of beauty requires training; the arrival at truth demands thought, both of which mean time and effort. And many students are sacrificing much for the advancement of true culture in the university, and it is to these hard working ones that credit is due, not to those others who stand apart and inflict upon a long-suffering student body a tiresome succession of words without wisdom.—McGill Daily.

Twenty Years Ago

The State Historical Society asked the Senate finance committee for an appropriation of two thousand dollars to be expended in the publication of the debates of the State Constitutional convention of 1871. The record of these debates, discovered in the state house vaults, were transferred to the society by resolution in the Nebraska house of representatives.

An attempt was initiated by the board of regents to secure the appropriation of fifty thousand dollars by the legislature, for the erection of a new wing to the state museum, in order to provide space for the display of much excellent museum material packed away out of sight for lack of display room.

Exchanges

UNIVERSITY OF OKLAHOMA—The Stadium-Union Memorial campaign at the University of Oklahoma totalled \$396,000 at the end of January, with workers continuing the drive for funds in many communities.

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Ten Years Ago

Advance entry of sixty-seven teams comprising more than four hundred high school athletes, forecast signal success for the fifth annual state basketball tournament scheduled to be held in Lincoln, March 10-14.

"The relay team made a poor showing in the Kansas City athletic meet," records the March 2 issue in a post mortem of a defeat ascribed to inadequate facilities for winter training.

An increase of eighteen schools in the membership of the Nebraska High School Debating League, raising the total for the year to eighty-six, was announced in connection with the results of fifteen first-series debates held at various schools throughout the state.

Wahoo, David City and Seward returned signed contracts for the University Week program, an extension series of five evenings' entertainment to be given after the manner of a lyceum course.

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